

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 18-25 and 28-36 are pending in the application, with claims 18 and 31 being the independent claims. Claims 1-17 were previously cancelled.

Claims 18, 28, 30, 31, 33, and 34 are amended herein to recite a "plurality of packaged product units." Support can be found, for example, in the first paragraph of page 1 of the specification as filed.

Claims 18 and 31 are amended to recite the ice slurry is injected back into treatment tank "with sufficient force so that the ice slurry exiting the at least one injection nozzle recirculates between the plurality of packaged product units." Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in the third full paragraph of page 7 of the specification as filed.

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

As specified in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 18, 2011, only the corrected section (i.e., the claims) is presented herein. Based on the above amendments and the remarks previously filed on December 17, 2010, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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